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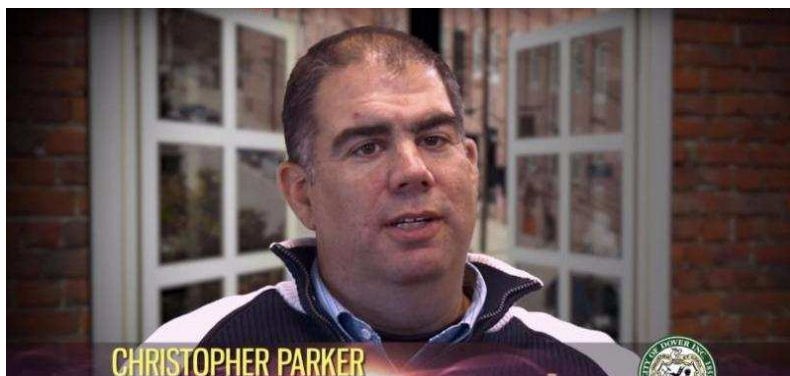
This Week in History

Meetings this week:

Waterfront Committee, May 17, 5:30 p.m.

The Cochecho Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a

Friday, May 13, 2016



City of Dover earns top award for downtown plan

The City of Dover's Downtown Pedestrian and Vehicular Access and Streetscape Plan has been named a recipient of the 2016 Plan of the Year by the New Hampshire Planners Association. The organization made the presentation on Friday, May 6, 2016, at an annual conference in Concord.

"I am very honored to have Dover receive this award," said Assistant City Manager Christopher Parker. "The community has long been on the forefront of planning activities in the state, and I am proud that this project has been recognized for its high quality, and vision. Along with the great Master Plan work in Durham, the Seacoast is providing leadership in the region and state on sensible and attainable plans that are easily understood by the public."

Durham's Master Plan was also recognized at the conference.

The NH Planner's Association (NHPA) award annually

regular meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Zoning Board, May 19, 7 p.m.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a regular meeting, on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the [meeting calendar page](#).



CITY OF DOVER, NH
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City Hall hours:
Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours:
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

recognizes professional plans from New Hampshire for their advancement to the science and art of planning and commitment to community involvement through planning initiatives. The New Hampshire Planners Association promotes, assists, and supports professional planners in the state with the goal of achieving planning excellence to improve the quality of life today and tomorrow in New Hampshire's communities. The Plan of the Year is a reflection of that ideal, and is sought annually through nominations.

The NHPA selection committee recognized the plan was not only innovative, but also showcased the City's commitment to public outreach. Specifically noted were the various video components, which guided viewers through the proposed changes to the Central Avenue area downtown.

The plan acknowledges that although the downtown transportation network is long established in Dover, circulating the Cochecho Millworks, improvements can be made. In particular, the project seeks to encourage pedestrian access.

"No matter how you reach downtown - train, bus, car, bike or foot, once you are here, you travel by foot, or at least you should easily be able to," Parker said.

It was also noted that while not every downtown has Dover's layout and design, the plan is transferable to other communities. This is achievable through public input and implementing traffic calming suggestions, such as reducing lane width and re-stripping crosswalks to improve traffic flow.

"Having this plan recognized for its professionalism and the fact that it was focused on the community by our New Hampshire peers is a reflection on the professionalism and commitment the planning volunteers and staff deliver to the Dover community day in and day out," Parker said.

The plan, drafted in 2014 and 2015, was completed by the Cecil Group, an urban design consultant from Boston. The Transportation Advisory Commission oversaw the project with planning, engineering and police staff providing assistance. The goal of the project was to improve mobility and efficiency of traffic flow in the downtown. Additionally, the group worked to propose streetscape improvements, such as unified street trees and street lighting.

As a result of the research and analysis, the final plan proposes to relocate the island at the upper square, between Chapel Street and Broadway, from the center of Central Avenue to the easterly side of Central Avenue, in front of the Days Inn. This will create a new public gathering space to compliment Henry Law Park. At the same time, improvements are made along Central Avenue, Washington Street, Main Street and Chestnut Street to

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improve crosswalk viability and reduce speeds.

Since the Transportation Advisory Commission approved the plan in 2015, staff have placed the project in the outer years of the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The project was approved for design in 2021, as part of the 2015 approval of the CIP. In January of 2016, the Dover City Council cited improved access in the downtown area as a goal during the 2016-2017 term.

The New Hampshire Planner's Association has recognized Dover's planning efforts three times before. In 2010, the City's Form Based Code project for downtown Dover, was recognized as the Project of the Year, and in 2011, Director of Planning and Community Development Christopher Parker was recognized as the Professional Planner of the Year, and in 2014 City Planner Steve Bird was recognized as the Professional Planner of the Year.

For more information about the project, [click here](#).

Road closures and traffic restrictions in place Sunday for road race

On Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 10 a.m., the Spirit of Recovery 5K Run/Walk event will be held at Liberty Mutual on Liberty Way. This event is part of the Dover Race Series.

Between 10 and 10:15 a.m., Sixth Street will be closed in both directions to accommodate the early portion of the race course, between the Indian Brook Drive and Liberty Way intersection and the Education Way and Venture Drive intersection.

Motorists should expect lane shifts and brief delays on Sixth Street between 10 and 11 a.m. Dover Police officers will be on hand to help control the flow of traffic. Parking for the event will be at Liberty Mutual, 100 Liberty Way. The course follows an out-and-back route utilizing Liberty Way, Sixth Street, and Education Way (Measured Progress).

The 7th Annual Spirit of Recovery event is a fundraiser to benefit the Triangle Club of Dover, which offers 12-step treatment programs for people battling drug, alcohol, nicotine and heroin addiction. The Triangle Club has been supporting recovery efforts for over two decades.

More information is available at spiritofrecovery5k.org or at www.triangleclubdovernh.org.

Questions about traffic implications may be directed to Dover Police Sgt. Marn Speidel at 603-742-4646.

Election notes: Supervisors of the Checklist in session May 31

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 288 Central Ave.

During this session, supervisors will register new voters, change party affiliation, addresses and names, and make other necessary corrections to the checklist. This is also the last opportunity for voters to change party affiliation before the State Primary.

The State Primary will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2016.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

Dover Recreation sign-ups ongoing for Granite State Track and Field

Dover Recreation continues to hold sign-ups for the Granite State Track and Field program. This program is designed as an introduction to track, as well as a lead-up to the New Hampshire regional and state track meets.

The program is open to students ages 9 to 14 by Dec. 31, 2016.

Practices for this program will be held twice a week. No experience is necessary.

The fee for the program is \$50, which includes a shirt, and is payable at time of registration. Registration is held at Dover Recreation, the McConnell Center (Door #3 and down the stairs).

For more information, contact Dover Recreation at 516-6401.

Songs and Stories of World War II at the Dover Public Library May 17

On Tuesday evening, May 17, at 7 p.m., the Friends of the Library will host "Songs and Stories of World War II - Popular Wartime Songs and their Stories You Didn't Know", presented by Richard Kruppa.



Seventy five years ago this country entered World War II, and people of all ages love the music from the era, 1941-1945. This entertaining and informative program focuses on some of the most beloved songs from that era. Songs like "Bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover," "Sentimental Journey," and "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition." Richard not only sings the songs, accompanying himself on guitar, five-string banjo, and baritone ukulele, but also tells their fascinating and unfamiliar stories as well; their meaning, how they came to be, and their significance.

Richard asks interesting and thought-provoking questions such as "What popular song was written in response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor?" "What song was popular world-wide and thought to be from each country where it was popular?" and "What WWII-era song was a top hit written and recorded by a state governor?"

Richard Kruppa, known musically as "Ramblin' Richard," is a member of the New England Foundation for the Arts, and is a retired professor from Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

This program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will follow.

Please call the Dover Public Library, 516-6050, for more information.



Workshop to shed light on solar power systems

The Dover Energy Commission will join several regional groups to host a 'Solar 101 Workshop' on Tuesday, May

24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in the multipurpose room at Oyster River High School, 55 Coe Dr., Durham.

The workshop is free and open to all.

The solar photovoltaic (PV) workshop will include a presentation by Andy Duncan, energy training manager at Lakes Region Community College. Among the workshop topics are panel placement, permitting and interconnection, financing and incentives, and how to select an installer.

A tour of the Town of Durham's new solar array will be available prior to the workshop, from 5 to 6 p.m. The solar array, which consists of 2,100 panels, is located at 391 Packers Falls Road in Lee.

To register for the workshop, visit <http://solar101durham.eventbrite.com>.

This event is sponsored by the Dover Energy Commission, the Durham Energy Committee, the Lee Energy Committee, the Stratham Energy Commission, the Seacoast Regional Energy Hub and other local area energy groups. The event is produced by Lakes Region Community College, with support from United States Department of Energy SunShot Initiative, in partnership with the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning, and the Clean Energy States Alliance.

For more information, visit www.lrcc.edu/solar101.



From left, Principal Kim Lyndes, Allison Friend-Gray, Patty Mulqueen, Katherine Schulten, Beckie Pazdon, Justin Pagnotta, and Stephanie Dematteo and SEED representatives Allison Neal and Angela Carter.

SEED hands out nearly \$9,000 in

grants to local educators

The Seacoast Educational Endowment for Dover (SEED) has awarded nearly \$9,000 in education grants. Schools benefiting from SEED grant money include Dover Middle School, Garrison Elementary School, and Woodman Park School.

At the Dover Middle School (DMS), four grant proposals were funded. The first was awarded to allow five educators to attend a professional development program offered by the Landmark School in Beverly, MA. "Cutting-Edge Strategies to Improve Executive Function Skills in the Upper Elementary and Middle School Aged Students" will train the educators and help them launch an executive function training pilot program at DMS.

The second program proposed by the Dover Middle School Guidance Department, Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: Seven Ways to Stop the Worry Cycle, showcases the work of nationally renowned anxiety speaker, author and therapist, Lynn Lyons. This two hour research-based presentation will be open to all Dover School as well and the surrounding community.

The third DMS grant was awarded to Allison Friend-Gray to fund the purchase of Rube-Goldbags from Rube Goldberg, Inc. a not-for-profit company created to continue the legacy of the great American author, engineer and inventor. The purchase, which aligns with Next Generation Science Standards and underscores SEED's commitment to STEAM education, will be used in her fifth grade class.

The last DMS grant was awarded to two teachers, Patricia Mulqueen and Katherine Schulten for their proposal to purchase licenses of Dragon Box 12+, a mathematics application that explores algebraic concepts and reasoning through play and practice.

Garrison Elementary School (GES) educators were bestowed three grants this period. The first went to GES Music Teacher Emily Piller to purchase Kindle Fires for her classroom. The tools will provide her first grade through fourth grade classes with the opportunity to utilize technology and discover music in an innovative way. Fellow GES teacher Sarah Croteau was also awarded SEED funds to purchase Kindle Fire devices to be used in her physical education classes and will allow students to connect with fitness trackers and analyze their activity.

A SEED grant will make it possible for Nancy Colarusso's STEM students to learn about ecosystems and inter-tidal animals with hands on learning at the Seacoast Science Center.

A Spring SEED scholarship will be funding the opportunity

for Woodman Park teacher, Kelly Gennett, to attend a UNH graduate level course called Integrating Technology in the Classroom. After completing the course, Gennett will use her newly acquired skills to integrate Digital Storytelling into her classroom and into her summer enrichment camp, Camp BEYOND, held at WPS each summer. Additionally, SEED will provide scholarships for five under-privileged students to attend Camp BEYOND. Meanwhile, Woodman Park School colleague, Jill Frederickson, was awarded continued SEED support for the third annual Ellis Island Experience, a district wide initiative.

Finally, SEED will provide funding for 15 Dover School District educators to attend Jo Boaler's Growth Mindset to Increase Student Engagement and Achievement in Mathematics, a professional development course providing teachers new strategies to engage students in mathematics content.

SEED funds innovative grants to support positive growth towards ever-changing 21st century education demands by raising private funds from philanthropic individuals, businesses, and fundraisers such as Casino Night to be held on Friday, June 3, at the Hellenic Center, in Dover. All funds raised during Casino Night will be used to grant the next round of innovative learning proposals to promote academic excellence in Dover schools. To learn more about SEED, please visit www.DoverSeed.org.



The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens

Joe B. Parks public gardens seeks volunteer gardeners

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens depends on volunteers to help maintain and tend to the gardens enjoyed by the public each year. More volunteers are needed to help tend to the gardens in 2016. Tasks include spring and fall clean-up of garden beds and monthly visits to tidy up the gardens. Volunteers can adopt specific areas.

To become a volunteer, contact Elizabeth Fischer [here](#) or visit joeparksgarden.org for more information.

The Joe B. Parks Riverwalk Public Gardens is located between 400 Central Avenue and Chestnut Street, along the banks of the Cocheco River, and forms a series of beautiful gardens filled with wild flowers, unique rhododendrons, mountain laurel, hostas, daylilies and countless other plants, many relocated from Joe Parks' own gardens. Formerly a neglected area along the river, the

Riverwalk Garden was planned by Dover horticulturalist Joe B. Parks, built by more than hundred volunteers, and dedicated in June, 2008. Joe was extremely proud of the fact that all of the work at the Riverwalk Garden was done by volunteers. The garden features a Japanese Garden installed and maintained by Dover High School horticulture students, Lorraine's Corner, a meditation and healing garden installed and maintained by Amy's Treat and dedicated in memory of Dover resident Lorraine Goren and several sculptures created and installed in the garden by art students from Dover High School. Each garden is maintained by a volunteer garden tender.



The poster for Seacoast Bike/Walk to Work Day features a green header with the event title. Below it, a silhouette of a person walking and a person on a bicycle is shown. The text 'BIKE WALK TO WORK WEEK MAY 16-20' is displayed in large, colorful letters. The main text states: 'Ride a bike or walk to work and stop by for a complimentary light Breakfast Friday, May 20 • 7:00-10:00am Dover Free Commuter Breakfasts Dover City Hall & Philbrick's Sports'. It provides the website 'www.seacoastbikes.org' for more information and registration. At the bottom, there are logos for SABR, Dover Cyclery, commuteSMART, and the Seacoast Regional Planning Commission.

Seacoast Bike/Walk to Work Day

BIKE WALK TO WORK WEEK MAY 16-20

Ride a bike or walk to work and stop by for a complimentary light Breakfast

Friday, May 20 • 7:00-10:00am

Dover Free Commuter Breakfasts
Dover City Hall & Philbrick's Sports

For more info, and to register free online:
www.seacoastbikes.org

Grab a free breakfast in Dover for Bike/Walk to Work Day

The Seacoast's 14th annual Bike/Walk to Work Day is Friday, May 20, 2016. Ride your bike or walk to work, and stop in at one of 12 free commuter breakfasts around the region, including in Dover at Dover City Hall and Philbricks Sports. Enjoy a delicious free continental breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. and sign-in to enter a raffle of great prizes donated by local businesses.

Other breakfast locations include Durham/UNH, Exeter, Newmarket, North Hampton, Pease TradePort, Portsmouth Downtown, Rochester, Rye, Stratham, and Kittery, Maine. Participate in the Tour de Breakfast and stop at all of them.

"Biking or walking are great ways to get where you need to go," said Josh Pierce, president of Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes (SABR). "You're also fitting a workout into a busy day, reducing your pollution footprint, and avoiding traffic jams. Here on the Seacoast, we're blessed with relatively flat terrain, stunning scenery, and several great public

transportation options, making car-free commuting a great idea."

The event sponsors in Dover include Philbrick's, SABR, CommuteSmart Seacoast, and the Strafford Regional Planning Commission.

For more information, or to register for free online, visit www.seacoastbikes.org.

Evening of Poetry at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library cordially invites you to attend an "Evening of Poetry" on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Lecture Hall.

All students who participated in the Library's 14th Annual Poetry Contest, for grades K-12, are invited to read their poetry at this event, but this will be purely voluntary.

The general public is encouraged to come and enjoy the readings. Prizes will be distributed in six different grade categories: K-2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, and 11 and 12. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Denise LaFrance at 516-6082.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm>.



May 15, 1656 - Bryan Pendleton and Peter Coffin, a

committee appointed by the court, laid out 200 acres of land for Mr. Edward Rawson, secretary, 100 acres of which were on the east side of the Cochecho River, and 100 on the west side, a little below the Indian path, the said path, being about three miles above Coffin's house.



May 13, 1729 - The inhabitants of northeast Dover (now Somersworth), who petition the Assembly to be removed from Dover as a parish are heard by their counsel, resulting in the appointment of a committee "to go on the spot and view the several districts and settle a dividing line according to their best judgments and that the petitioners in the meantime be free from being rated to the minister of the old town, and the major part agreeing shall be accounted sufficient to make return at the next session for confirmation."



May 19, 1780 - The unusual darkness of this day, which has ever since caused it to be known as the "Dark Day," is thus described by Dr. Belknap, then a resident of Dover:

Fires had spread very extensively in the woods, and the westerly wind had driven the smoke over all the country. It was so thick near the horizon, for several preceding days, that the sun disappeared half an hour before its setting; and in the low grounds it was almost suffocating. The morning of the 19th was cloudy, with some rain; and a black cloud appeared in the south west, from which thunder was heard. The rain water, and the surface of rivers, was covered with a sooty scum. The remains of a snow drift, which had been raked clean, the preceding day, became black. Several small birds flew into the houses, and others were found dead abroad, being suffocated. About an hour before noon, the clouds assumed a brassy appearance; after which their color became a dusky grey; at one hour after noon it was necessary to light candles. At the time of the greatest obscuration, the smoke of a chimney was observed to rise perpendicularly, and then incline to the west. A thick fog, which came in from the sea, moved along the hill tops in the same direction. A light gleam was seen in the north. The extent of this darkness was more than 200 miles, from north to south. To the westward it reached beyond Albany, and it was observed, by a vessel at sea, 15 leagues beyond Cape Ann. The darkness varied its appearance, in some places, through the afternoon; but in the maritime parts of New Hampshire, there was no cessation or interruption of it; and the evening presented a complete specimen of as total darkness as can be conceived. Before midnight the vapors dispersed, and the next morning there was no appearance of them.



May 17, 1805 - The Dover Turnpike road from Dover to South Berwick was opened this year. In the Dover Sun, of this date, John Wheeler, Treasurer, gives notice to

stockholders that the Directors have ordered the fourth assessment to be paid, and Stephen Sawyer advertises for "30 or 40 stout able bodied young men" to work on the road.



May 18, 1825 - A meeting was held at Ela's tavern to consider the expediency of constructing a canal or railway from Winnepesaukee Lake to the tide waters of the Piscataqua river, a charter for which had been obtained at the fall session of the Legislature in 1824. The meeting was largely attended, gentlemen being present from Portsmouth and Dover, and from many of the towns bordering on the Lake, and resulted in the appointment of committees to obtain the necessary surveys and prepare plans for procuring the stock of the company to be taken up. The cost of a canal, connecting the waters of the Lake with the streams running into the Cochecho at Dover, of sufficient depth for boat navigation, was estimated at about \$700,000.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now hiring the following positions:

- **Asset Management Technician**
- **Secretary II - DBIDA**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**
- **Summer Day Camp Counselor**
- **Summer Playground Counselor**
- **Lifeguards**
- **Swim instructor**
- **Gym attendant**

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the City of Dover, [click here](#).

Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



City of Dover Boards and Commissions

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, [click here](#).

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

CITY OF DOVER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? [Sign up now](#) to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the

Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, [click here](#). An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, [click here](#).

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for up-to-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail [here](#).

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